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Proposed Biological Assessment

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This memorandum is in response to EG&G memoranda GHS-122-93 and GHS-180-93 dated March 12 and April 15, 1993, respectively, regarding Endangered Species Act compliance at the Rocky Flats Plant (RFP). These memoranda were in response to the Department of Energy/Rocky Flats Office (DOE/RFO) requests resulting from the Bald eagles nesting at Standley Lake. In your more recent memorandum, it is stated that RFP activities scheduled for the next several years are not expected to impact the Bald eagles nesting at Standley Lake. Exceptions include the Option B project, and possibly, OU 3 air monitoring station operation and maintenance and herbicide spraying on the Jefferson County property east of Indiana Street.

Since the cities of Broomfield and Westminster will be jointly preparing a biological assessment for the Option B project, the remaining activities of concern are related to OU 3. It is likely that informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) will be sufficient to deal with potential problems arising at OU 3 in the short term.

We recommend that the components identified in GHS-180-93 be completed as proposed. With regard to the RFP Sitewide Biological Assessment, since the cities will be preparing a separate assessment for Option B, it is possible that the sitewide assessment may not be necessary. However, completion of these components will enable DOE/RFO to prepare a RFP Sitewide Biological Assessment in the future should it become necessary.

Thus, we do not wish to pursue the biological assessment proposed in EG&G memorandum GHS-122-93 at the present time. However, you should remain ready to prepare a RFP Sitewide Biological Assessment in the future should conditions change and it becomes necessary.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Bruce Thatcher of my staff at extension 3532.

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